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Welcoming Address — A.M. Vasilyev, Corresponding Member of Russian Academy of Sciences, Director of IAF.

Introduction — V.G. Khoros, Dr. Sc. (Hist.), Head of the Center for Development and Modernization Studies, IMEMO.

Session 1.
Particularities of the Development and Basic Features of Tropical Africa’s Civilization.
Presentation: V.I. Sledzevsky, Dr. Sc. (Hist.), (Center for Civilization and Regional Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences).

Round-table Discussion.
Major Subjects:

Session 2.
Historical Dynamics of Tropical Africa’s Civilization.
Presentation: M.D. Nikitin, Cand. Sc.(Hist.), Saratov State University.

Round-table Discussion.
Major Subjects:
Adaptability as the Key Feature of Tropical Africa’s Pre-Colonial Civilization. Specific Features of Colonialism in Africa (Recent Arrival, Peculiarities of Civilization Interaction between the Colonizers and the Colonized, Symbiosis of Colonial and Traditional Political Units, etc.). Destructive Effect of Slave-Trade. Transformation of Traditional Economy into Colonial Economy Based on Agriculture and Raw Materials. Fragmentary, Superficial Character of Modernization of African Societies during Colonialism.
(social differentiation at the very initial stage, a very small proportion of educated people, etc.).
Africanization of Christianity and Islam.
National-Liberation Movements and their Components.
The Role of African Diasporas in the Formation of the Ideology of Civilization Renaissance

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**Session 3.**
Tropical Africa: Civilization and Modernity.
Presentation: E.E. Lebedeva, Cand. Sc. (Hist.), IMEMO

**Round-table Discussion.**
Major Subjects:
The Place of Africa in Global Economic, Information And Political Ties. “Deep South”.
Statehood, Clan-Tribal Ties, Bureaucratic Bourgeoisie, Organized Crime and Corruption (or, according to L.V. Geveling, “system kleptocracy”). Indigenous Notions of the Distribution of Material Values and Western Consumer Standards.
Programs of Neo-Liberal Structural Adaptation and Endeavors to Carry out Political Democratization.
Aggravation of Environmental Problems.
Ethno-Central Character of African Identity.
The Role of Islam in Tropical Africa’s Civilization Dynamics.
African Intellectual Diaspora in the West.

Concluding Remarks:
V.G. Khoros, Dr. Sc. (Hist.).